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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR IO TZ

SUBJ: PROPOSED EMBASSY STATEMENT ON INDIAN OCEAN

REF: (A) USIA 2502 (B) STATE 22251 (C) DAR 0353

1. PULLING ON INFORMATION CONTAINED REFS (A) AND (B),  
EMBASSY INTENDS ISSUING STATEMENT BELOW UNLESS DEPARTMENT  
PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS.

2. EMBASSY RELEASE FOLLOWS ON OUR STATEMENT REF (C)  
THAT WE WOULD COMMENT ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF INDIAN  
OCEAN TO ASP/TANU YOUTH LEAGUE DELEGATION WHICH CAME  
ON 4 FEB.

3. STATEMENT TEXT WITH UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED:  
QTE UNITED STATES HAS HISTORICALLY MAINTAINED NAVAL  
PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA. OUR MIDDLE EAST FORCE,  
NORMALLY CONSISTING THREE VESSELS, HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE  
SINCE 1949. FOR SOME TIME US HAS INTENDED SUPPLEMENT  
THAT PRESENCE WITH PERIODIC VISITS BY OTHER SHIPS. US  
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NOW IMPLEMENTING THIS POLICY AS PART OF WORLDWIDE GOAL

WHICH ADVOCATES FREEDOM NAVIGATION FOR ALL NATIONS ALONG  
INTERNATIONAL AIR AND SEA ROUTES.

QTE US HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EXPANSION OF NAVAL  
COMMUNICATION SUPPORT FACILITY ON ISLAND DIEGO GARCIA,  
SOME 2,300 MILES FROM TANZANIA. WE APPRECIATE CONCERN  
EXPRESSED BY SOME STATES, INCLUDING TANZANIA, THAT  
INDIAN OCEAN NOT BECOME AN ARENA FOR MILITARY RIVALRY  
OF GREAT POWERS. IT CERTAINLY NOT DESIRE OF US TO  
CAUSE SUCH COMPETITION. WHAT IS IN QUESTION HERE SIMPLY  
RESPONDING TO NEED TO PROVIDE, IN ADDITION TO RELIABLE  
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, BETTER LOGISTICAL AND  
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO AMERICA AND, AS NECESSARY, BRITISH  
VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT WHICH MAY BE OPERATING IN OR  
TRANSITING OPEN SEAS OF INDIAN OCEAN.

QTE ALTHOUGH RECENT AMERICAN ACTIONS IN INDIAN OCEAN  
HAVE COME UNDER ATTACK IN TANZANIA, WE WISH POINT OUT  
THAT SOVIET UNION HAS HAD IN RECENT YEARS AND PRESENTLY  
HAS CONSIDERABLY MORE VESSELS IN INDIAN OCEAN THAN  
DOES U. S. THERE CURRENTLY IN INDIAN OCEAN APPROXIMATELY  
29 SOVIET SHIPS, TWO-THIRDS OF WHICH ARE SUPPLY AND  
AUXILIARY VESSELS. END QTE. DECONTROL 3/7/74.

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